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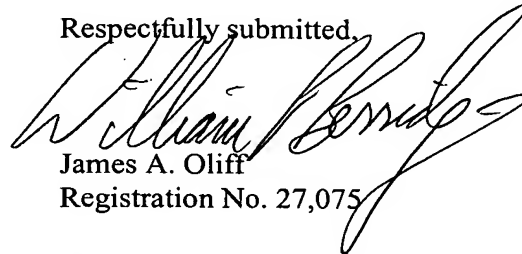
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- ☒ 6. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See References 3-5 & 7.

- ☒ 7. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-5.

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APPENDIX

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Discloses the structure provided with NO_x absorbent and SO_x absorbent for absorbing and releasing NO_x and SO_x, respectively to protect NO_x absorbent from S-poisoning.

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Discloses the structure in which the deterioration in the SO_x absorbent is judged based on the sulfur concentration.